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# Mission Outreach



MONTHLY REPORT

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## THE CEDAR OF LEBANON - Part 2

Miao, a man who is well respected as the “Cedar of Lebanon” to his fellow believers in China, was confined to a prison camp for false accusations because of his faith. When infected with a deadly plague that has killed 1050 of the 1300 in the camp, he prays to God for mercy.

He was put in a room where corpses were stored before being taken for burial. As Miao lay among many dead bodies he prayed, "Lord, I ask you to save me. Please don't allow me to die here where your Name will be reproached. If you heal me and allow me to return home in peace, I will serve you all the days of my life and will do the work of an evangelist."

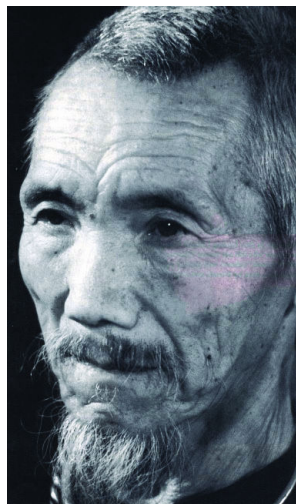
Suddenly, an angel dressed in a glorious white robe appeared and tenderly said, "Do not fear - Only believe." In his own words, Miao recalled what happened next as he teetered between life and death:

"The angel stretched out his right hand and took hold of my left hand and led me out of that building. I was taken to a beautiful room, pure white beyond description. The angel had me sit on a chair and he took a stethoscope from around his neck. He then took a white tube and put it in my mouth. When the angel blew into it I felt a cool sensation which made me feel comfortable.

When I came to, the sickness had left me. I knelt among the dead bodies and loudly praised the Lord, rededicating my whole life to Jesus. I was hungry, so I went back to the

doctor to ask for food. When the doctor saw me entering he was so shocked he broke into a cold sweat and stumbled backwards, crying out, 'Are... you... a... ghost?'

I laughed and told him, 'Don't be afraid. I am Miao Zizhong. My God has healed me and saved me from death. He has sent me to proclaim the way of salvation to you. Therefore you must believe in Jesus.' The doctor immediately knelt down, saying, 'Your God is true. Jesus is truly alive. I now believe and ask Jesus to receive me.'"



Miao found himself the longest-serving inmate at the Heilongjiang prison camp. One secret to his survival was that he often slipped away from his cell late at night, when the other exhausted prisoners were asleep. He would go to a small grove near the compound where he knelt down and prayed to God. The Holy Spirit always met him in that blessed place, giving him strength and encouragement to endure another day.

In 1969, Miao completed his 15-year sentence and was placed on a train back home to Zhejiang Province, but as soon as the local officials discovered that Miao had returned home, he was called in for questioning.

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## Cedar of Lebanon (Part 2) ....

**When asked if the last 15 years had changed his religious beliefs, Miao boldly replied, "These 15 years of labour reform have not changed my belief; moreover, my relationship with Jesus has been strengthened and my faith is stronger than ever!" The officials flew into a fit of rage, pushed him to the floor and beat him with their fists and batons.**

One hot summer afternoon, Red Guards came and bound Miao's hands tightly behind his back. After being dragged to a place where a high wooden platform had been erected, officials accused him of "hideous crimes" against the nation.

They commanded Miao to publicly deny Jesus, and finished by snarling, "Today, if you continue to believe in Jesus, we will beat you to death!" He looked down from the platform at the large crowd that had gathered, and with a loud voice he made a speech which has gone down as a seminal moment in the annals of Christianity in Zhejiang. Miao declared:

*"Fellow countrymen, because of belief in Jesus I have already spent 15 years in the Heilongjiang labour reform prison, where I was tortured and beaten, yet my faith is stronger than ever. Why is that? It's because the Lord Jesus whom I believe in is the true and living God. He is the Son of God, the Creator of heaven and earth. He was born for us, and because of our sins He was crucified on the cross. Therefore all of you should repent, leave your idols, cease from violence and believe in Jesus that you may obtain eternal life."*

As soon as these words left Miao's lips a mob of brutal men rushed onto the platform, and proceeded to kick and

beat his head and entire body. As he slowly collapsed to the ground, his voice could be heard above the commotion, saying, "Lord, please forgive them. I commit my soul to you."

Miao was seriously injured. His ribs and other bones had been broken, and he was covered in welts and bruises. Tufts of hair had been ripped from his scalp. He slowly recovered, however, and several months later he was back preaching the gospel.

During another public humiliation meeting later that year, Christians who were present testified that Miao's face shone with glory, like that of an angel. Countless more persecutions continued.

After all the abuse Miao Zihong had endured over the years, people were sure he wouldn't live long, but the Spirit of God helped him complete his race and finish the work entrusted to him. The authorities in Zhejiang didn't know what to do with this man. They had treated him with extreme violence, yet he continued to believe in God and encourage others to do the same.

As Miao Zihong aged into his sixties, many Christians wanted to know the secret to his victorious faith. One visitor shared that each time Miao received a revelation from the Bible, he would jump up and dance with great joy.

Finally, in October 1989, the 73-year-old Cedar of Lebanon fell, not to rise again until the resurrection of the dead. Miao Zihong left behind no children, except the thousands of spiritual children he had led to the Lord and nourished with God's Word.

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## 1000 Equipping Centres Project Update

**It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we report the completion of the 1000 Equipping Centres Project!**

Over the past year everyone has worked hard to establish the Equipping Centres, build the body of Christ and help prepare Jesus Nepali Bride for His coming.

Each Pastor committed to train between 6 and 20 men and women from their church. We limited this to no more than 20 trainees as we believe that is the most that can be disciplined effectively in a year.

We are delighted that over 14,000 pastors have been trained and that this will be ongoing as the new trainees will continue to train, disciple and equip their churches.

We have also printed over 80,000 manuals and booklets to be used by the Churches as this has now become an ongoing vision. As new disciples are trained, we will need to provide more teaching materials.

We shared the vision, the Church took ownership and it became their vision, and they are now driving it!

We would like to thank everyone who has prayed and given to this project. It has been the largest project run by MO for many decades and completed within budget. We are believing for a great harvest of souls in the Himalayas as a result. All praise and glory to our wonderful Lord!

Blessings, Neil

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free." Luke 4:18*

## Farsi & Pashto Bibles, Afghanistan

Farsi is a language spoken mostly in Iran and Afghanistan and used by 110 million people worldwide and Pashto is the second most commonly used language in these countries.

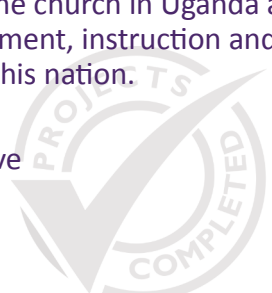
As part of our call to reach Afghanistan with the Gospel, we strongly believe the provision of bibles is essential. Our goal is to help provide 250 bibles in each language, a total of 500 bibles. At a cost of \$15 each, our total commitment is \$7,500. We invite you to partner with us to reach this nation for Jesus.

**Total Project: \$7,500**  
**Balance Needed: \$2,088**

## Bibles for Uganda, Africa - COMPLETED

We are delighted to report that our Uganda Bible Project has been completed and that we are able to bless those who cry: "Pastor, give us Bibles!" It is such an honour and blessing to be able to help meet this huge need and put God's Word into the hands of hungry Believers. The provision of bibles is so important for the growth of the church in Uganda and will bring comfort, encouragement, instruction and direction for the believers in this nation.

Thank you to all who have answered the Lord's call to give to this project. May the Lord bless you as you have blessed others.



## CMTC Bible College

Monthly commitment \$1600

## Nepal Radio Ministry

Monthly commitment \$700



## China Full Bibles

There is so much need in China for bibles as the church continues to grow, even in the face of relentless persecution. We have extended this project to 6000 bibles at \$2.80. We so appreciate your faithful support and love for our Chinese Brethren. Please keep praying for them!

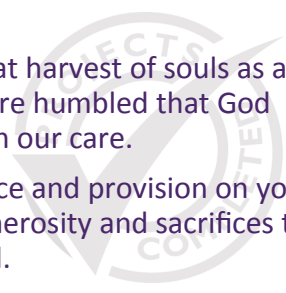
**Total Commitment \$16,800**  
**Balance needed: \$12,000**

## Nepal 1000 Equipping Centres - COMPLETED

We are rejoicing and so thankful for the completion of this huge project. We could not have done it without the Lord's help and yours, our faithful supporters. The church in Nepal thanks you SO MUCH!

We are believing for a great harvest of souls as a result of this project and are humbled that God would put such a project in our care.

We pray His abundant grace and provision on you for your love, support, generosity and sacrifices to see this project completed.



## RESPONSE COUPON

## MARCH 2020

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**Afghanistan**  
 Farsi/Pashto Bibles (AFGBBL) \$.....

**China**  
 China Pastors (CHPSTR) \$.....  
 China Full Bibles (CHBBL) \$.....

**Nepal**  
 Radio Programme (NEPRAD) \$.....  
 CMTC Bible College (NPBC) \$.....

**Thailand**  
 Tribal Training Centre, Chiang Mai (TTC) \$.....

**Where Most Needed: (WMN)** \$.....

**Please make payments to Mission Outreach Inc BNZ Account #: 02 0466 0034018 00 and specify project. N.B. If no project is specified, funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'**

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# Prayer Room in Focus



During our prayer meetings, we have reflected on the Lord Jesus our Shepherd, as in Psalm 23, where we, the body of believers across the globe shall have no want (lack) as we are sheep of our great Shepherd. He promises us rest, restoration, freedom from fear, comfort, provision and overflowing goodness and mercy in His

presence, His dwelling place. So we declare this promise over all those we pray for and that many more will be gathered to His fold.

We always pray for our persecuted brethren and declare the Word over them as God leads. Most recently we have lifted up China, North Korea, Afghanistan and Pakistan as many endure relentless persecution for Jesus. We also pray for our brethren in Nepal, Africa, the Pacific and our home country - New Zealand. For our persecuted brethren in China, North Korea, and the Muslim world, we ask for the peace and Joy of Jesus and strength, that the Lord would ease their burden, quicken the Word to them, guide and minister to them, and that they may not cease telling others about their Saviour.

**Nepal** We pray for grace and good health for Samuel and Mangali and the GTN team as they prepare for and undertake seminars and training and the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of GTN at the end of this year. We pray they will use the Holy Spirit's radar to evangelise, and that God will bring great the multiplication of souls to this nation.

**Pakistan and Afghanistan** We pray and declare over these nations that obstacles would be removed and a highway or avenue be built for the Gospel as in Isaiah 62:10. And no more violence and destruction, but instead walls called Salvation and gates called Praise, as in Isaiah 60:18. For Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Kurds we give thanks to God for building His church. We pray a covering over these nations, boldness for believers, provision of and grace for those to disciple the saved, that believers be grounded in the Word. We lift up the women, the young people and visiting teams. As Psalm 68 says, Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered!

**Africa** We give thanks for Pastor John & Ruth working in Uganda and Hand up International. We pray for those affected by excess rain and that the Lord would send the rain and wind of the Spirit instead. Also that wrong attitudes be confessed, and for healing and provision for the "helpless and hopeless" in this country. We pray for mighty miracles and for victory over witchcraft. We stand in faith that God will turn events for His glory, and that the enemy would flee naked and ashamed. In South Sudan, we pray that God would bring spiritual rain.

**NZ** At home in NZ, we believe there is a watershed year coming. We see the White Island eruption as the natural beginnings of spiritual event(s) and pray that God shakes our nation. Heb12:26-28a says, "At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful."

We declare again as Samuel Marsden did that New Zealand is the 'South land of the Holy Spirit'.

Amen.

# Mission Outreach



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Restricted Nations  
since 1975**

## 2020 TEAMS & EVENTS

### NEPAL:

**When:** October & November

**Team Leaders:** Neil & Warren

**Purpose:** Training, Ministry and GTN's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

### NEW ZEALAND:

**When:** July or August

**Organiser:** Neil

**Purpose:** International Visitor to NZ (More details to come)

### UGANDA:

**When:** May

**Team Leaders:** Bruce & Margaret

**Purpose:** Prayer, Teaching, Ministry

### VANUATU:

**Purpose:** Ministry, Prayer, Teaching

**Team Leader:** Matthew

**(1) When:** March

Where: Santo, Malakula, Ambrym

**(2) When:** July

Where: Erromango, Tanna

**(3) When:** November

Where: Santo, northern Islands

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Join us for our 'Prayer for the Nations' Every Monday night at 7:30pm

Contact us for venue details

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